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The present invention provides airline mechanics with an electronic maintenance terminal (MT) that displays real time central maintenance computer (CMC) data screens. The invention provides the mechanic with the ability to access fault isolation manual (FIM) troubleshooting procedures via an internal software hot link between the CMC fault code and the FIM procedure. The FIM data is a subset of the electronic portable maintenance aid (PMA) data. In addition to faults the present invention also links flight deck effect (FDE) EICAS messages to FIM troubleshooting procedures.